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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Chain Bridge

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval; such recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

2. Attached is a memorandum for the record of a meeting held on 17 May 1968 between a representative of the Virginia Department of Highways and the Chief, Real Estate and Construction Division, Office of Logistics. This memorandum indicates that the next step in pursuing this matter would involve an investment of \$1,200 to \$1,500 for survey work and related plans and specifications. The Virginia Department of Highways had previously indicated orally that the construction of the road could be included in the overall project. At that time the simple extension of the current road crossing the Trowbridge and Booth properties and connecting to the Metcalf access road was estimated to cost approximately \$3,000. Since the Metcalfs are unwilling to give an easement, the construction must be undertaken on the hillside along the Trowbridge and Booth properties. A very rough estimate of construction cost provided by the representative of the Virginia Department of Highways was \$40,000, which is probably conservative.

3. We have two courses of action. The first is to recognize the high cost involved and indefinitely suspend future action on the project until some other solution is available. The second alternative is to request the State of Virginia to provide the necessary funds for the survey, plans, specifications and construction. Should we do this, however, we must recognize that there will be extensive construction involved to provide this access road. There will be blasting, which will close down the road for extended periods of time, relocation of telephone and utility lines, and the construction of extensive retaining walls. There will also undoubtedly be a reaction from many of the personnel who currently use the road and considerable publicity may be given to this construction project.

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4. In view of the cost and inconvenience to other personnel using the road and possible unfavorable publicity, it is strongly recommended that no further action be taken on this project at this time.

George E. Meloon
Director of Logistics

Att

The recommendation contained in paragraph 4 is approved.

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Deputy Director
for Support

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